REMEDIATION AND REDEVELOPMENT (RR) NEWS FROM WISCONSIN DNR
      November 16, 2000

ROUND 2 - SITE ASSESSMENT GRANTS
The November 1, 2000 deadline for the second round of site assessment
grants (SAG) has now passed. DNR received 29 applications from 26
different local governmental units, requesting a total of $2,024,948.
The available funding is $435,000. In this second grant cycle, larger
grant amounts ($30,000 to $100,000) were requested. Grants awarded in
this second round should be announced in December. The SAG program
provides funding for local units of government for certain eligible
activities, including site investigations, demolition of structures,
removal of abandoned containers and removal of petroleum or hazardous
substance storage tanks. From the 82 applications submitted by August
1 for the first round, DNR selected 41 sites based on the ranked scores
of the eligible applications. This made the overall success rate an
even 50% of the applications, which ranged in size from about $8000 to
the maximum of $30,000. More information on the first round of grants
is on the DNR's web site at
http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/caer/cfa/EL/Section/SAG.html#smalllist

WISCONSIN ACT 88
1999 Wisconsin Act 88 became effective November 1, 2000. This new law
allows individuals to "opt out" from having their personal identifiers
provided to others when DNR provides a list containing the personal
identifiers of 10 or more individuals. Personal identifiers include an
individual's name, street address, post office box, social security
number, telephone number or zip code, but do not include business
names, addresses, post office boxes or phone numbers. The RR Program
uses several lists with locations of contaminated sites. We have
traditionally provided these lists to the public on request, and, more
recently, have posted them to our web site. 1999 Wis. Act 88 means
that we will now have to review a list each time it is requested, to
ensure that the personal identifiers of any individual who has "opted
out" are removed from the list before it is provided to others.   For
those who opt out, we will not delete the site entry (e.g. there will
still be a BRRTS number listed), but will have to delete the personal
identifiers. Most of the sites listed on RR lists are business names
and addresses, but we have no simple way of sorting individual listings
from the business listings. DNR will need to search our lengthy lists
for individuals who may have opted out, until DNR has a more automated
screening process for all DNR lists. We apologize for delays in
providing information that this is likely to cause. We will also need
to remove most of our databases from the web until they have had
personally identifiable data fields removed.

UNIQUE WELL IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS
Consultants are reminded that Wisconsin Administrative Code NR
141.23(2) requires placement of Wisconsin Unique Well Identification
Numbers (WUWNs) on all newly constructed wells. Environmental drillers
and consultants working in Wisconsin have been issued well tags
containing WUWN numbers. If you need more tags, please contact Dave
Johnson at johnsdm@dnr.state.wi.us or at 608-261-6421. After the tags
are placed on wells, the numbers on the tag should be recorded on the
Well Construction Form, Soil Boring Form, Well Development form and
finally on the Well Abandonment Form. Forms and information about WUWN
tags, as well as an electronic forms program are on DNR's Drinking and

Groundwater Program web page at
http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/water/dwg/gw/Software.htm. Drillers
and consultants also need to write the BRRTS tracking number on the
form, or include the tracking number in a cover letter, so it is clear
to which case file the form belongs.

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